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FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC, SHUM, NI

SUBJECT: RAY BAKER

REF: LAGOS 8671

RAY BAKER HAS ASKED THAT WE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE  
TO YOU: QUOTE. I AM DISAPPOINTED TO LEARN THAT MORE  
THAN TWO YEARS OF EFFORT DIRECTED TOWARD RECTIFYING MY  
POSITION AND THAT OF THE NDI GROUP OF COMPANIES IN  
NIGERIA HAS RESULTED IN A 90 DAY VISITOR'S VISA FOR  
ME, AND I REGARD AS MISPLACED THE SUGGESTION THAT I  
SHOULD ACCEPT IT. A VISITOR'S VISA OF WHATEVER DURATION  
IS PATENTLY AND TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE BECAUSE IT FAILS  
TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES, FAILS TO CORRECT THE PREVIOUS  
UNJUST ACTIONS, FAILS TO ASSURE MY FREEDOM, SAFETY,  
AND SECURITY UPON MY RETURN, AND FAILS TO REESTABLISH  
A FUTURE FOR NDI.

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IT WOULD BE POINTLESS TO ATTEMPT TO ATTEND HASTY BOARD  
AND SHAREHOLDERS MEETINGS, SINCE I HAVE NOTHING TO RE-  
PORT AND SINCE THE FUTURE OF THE GROUP CONTINUES TO BE  
UNCERTAIN.

FURTHERMORE, THE FAILURE OF GON TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE

UNDERLINES THE POTENTIAL RISKS TO ME OF RETURNING TO FACE POSSIBLE NEW HARASSMENT, THEREBY BECOMING ANOTHER OF THOSE AMERICANS AND DIRECTORS OF AMERICAN FIRMS WHO HAVE BEEN HARASSED TWO OR MORE TIMES.

MEA, THE CABINET OFFICE, AND THE HEAD OF STATE CANNOT ISSUE A RESIDENCE PERMIT. ONLY THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS CAN ISSUE A RESIDENCE PERMIT. COMMUNICATIONS BY INTERNAL AFFAIRS WITH DODAN BARRACKS ARE ALMOST WHOLLY WITH YAR'ADUA AND YAR'ADUA IS THE ONLY FORCE IN GON WHO CAN ORDER INTERNAL AFFAIRS TO ISSUE A RESIDENCE PERMIT TO ME.

YOU HAVE REPEATEDLY STATED THAT IF THE MATTER IS NOT IMMEDIATELY RESOLVED YOU WILL GO TO YAR'ADUA, AND THIS LATEST TURN OF EVENTS NOT ONLY JUSTIFIES BUT IMPELS AN IMMEDIATE APPROACH TO YAR'ADUA. I CONSIDER IT ABSOLUTELY VITAL THAT THE REJECTION OF THE VISITOR'S VISA BE CONVEYED IMMEDIATELY, AND NOT SIX OR EIGHT WEEKS FROM NOW, AND I REGARD IT AS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY THAT YOU TAKE THIS ISSUE TO YAR'ADUA IMMEDIATELY THIS WEEK AND PRIOR TO YOUR RETURN TO THE STATES. NO PURPOSE IS SERVED BY WAITING FOR GARBA, SINCE HE WILL NOT LIKELY BE IN HIS POST AFTER JULY 24TH. FURTHERMORE, IN THE FACE OF TOTAL NONACCOMPLISHMENT OF RECTIFICATION OF MY POSITION, I WILL NOT CONTINUE TO RECIPROCATATE WITH PATIENCE.

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AT THE INVITATION OF AMBASSADOR JOLAOSO, I HAVE CONFERRED WITH HIM, AND I AM QUITE CERTAIN HE AGREES WITH MY REJECTION OF THE VISITOR'S VISA, CONFIRMATION OF WHICH CAN BE SOUGHT BY STATE DEPARTMENT IF YOU WISH.

THE ISSUE IS RESTORATION PRIOR TO JULY 31, 1978, OF MY RESIDENCE PERMIT, CLEARANCE FOR MY UNINHIBITED TRAVEL TO NIGERIA, AND ASSURANCES THAT I AM WELCOME TO RETURN TO MY LONG TERM BUSINESS INTERESTS AND WILL ENJOY FULL FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT. AFTER JULY 31, 1978, THE ISSUE WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY CHANGE. RAYMOND W. BAKER

UNQUOTE.

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